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1. POL COUNSELOR DISCUSSED PERUVIAN AIDE MEMOIRE (REFTEL) WITH INTERIOR MINISTRY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR THORNBERRY AND WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY CHIEF OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES MARIO VELEZ. THORNBERRY SAID HE WAS UNAWARE OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE NOR HAS ANY INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PERUVIAN EMBASSY BEEN CLEARED WITH HIM, ALTHOUGH HE HAD HEARD THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD MADE INQUIRIES OF HIS STAFF ABOUT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN NARCOTICS CONTROL. THORNBERRY HAD NO OBJECTION TO NEGOTIATING AN AGREEMENT BUT NOTED HIS OFFICE'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE AREA UNDER THE 1978 NARCOTICS LAW.

2. POLCOUNSELOR REACHED VELEZ DEC 21 AND RECALLED CONVERSATION OF A FEW WEEKS AGO IN WHICH VELEZ HAD QUERIED EMBASSY ABOUT ITS NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, BUT CANCELLED PROPOSED MEETING TO DISCUSS THE MATTER. VELEZ, WHO HAS BEEN ON LEAVE, WAS SURPRISED THAT PERUVIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD DELIVERED AIDE MEMOIRE. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN WORKING ON SUCH A PROPOSAL BUT WAS UNAWARE THAT EMBASSY HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DELIVER IT. ASKED ABOUT DRAFT LEGAL INSTRUMENT REFERRED TO IN AIDE MEMOIRE, HE SAID HE HAD STARTED IT BUT IT WAS NOT COMPLETED. POL COUNSELOR NOTED WE ARE INTERESTED IN THE PROPOSAL AND SUGGESTED MEETING, PERHAPS WITH THORNBERRY TO DISCUSS IT AND TO BRIEF VELEZ IN MORE DETAIL ON US/GOP PROJECTS AND STRATEGY. VELEZ WELCOMED THIS AND AGREED TO MEET AFTER HOLIDAYS.
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